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1. ANDREA BORRUSA, DC CAPOGRUPPO IN MILAN AND COMUNIONE AND LIBERAZIONE LEADER, HAS TOLD US THAT C&L HAS BEGUN EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF CATHOLIC LAY ORGANIZATIONS TO BE CALLED MOVIMENTO UNITARIO POPOLARE (MUP). CAMPAIGN BEGAN WITH RECENT CONFERENCE IN CATANIA AND WILL CONTINUE WITH FURTHER CONGRESSES IN THE OTHER ITALIAN PROVINCES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY. PLANS ARE TO HAVE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED BY FEBRUARY-PRIOR TO DC CONGRESS.

2. C&L HOPES TO PUT TOGETHER A UNION OF CATHOLIC LAY GROUPS SUCH AS THE FOLKOLORINI IN TUSCANY THROUGHOUT ITALY IN ORDER TO CREATE A MASS CATHOLIC MOVEMENT WHICH WILL LEAD TO A REGENERATION OF THE DC. C&L WILL BE SUBMERGED IN MUP PUBLICLY, BUT IT CLEAR BORRUSO EXPECTS IT BE DRIVING FORCE OF ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO BORRUSO, MUP WOULD EMBRACE ALL THE LEFT OF DECAROLIS AND TO THE RIGHT OF BASSETTI

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IN MILAN CONSTELLATION. BASSETTI, AT LEAST, CERTAINLY RULED HIMSELF

OUT IN EARLY CONVERSATION AND HAS ATTACKED C&L AS CLERICAL DECAROLIS HAS ALSO VOICED SIMILAR OBJECTIONS.

3. MUP FORMULA PIONEERED IN MILAN IN LATE OCTOBER ON OCCASION OF LA GIORNATE MONDIALE MISSIONARIA (WORLD MISSIONARY DAY). C&L JOINED WITH THREE OTHER CATHOLIC GROUPS TO MOUNT A PROGRAM OF RELIGIOUS SINGING AT CASTELLO SFORZENSCO, A PENITENTIAL PARADE TO THE CATHEDRAL AND A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY THERE WITH A CARDINAL PRESENT. OF THE TWENTY THOUS AND OR SO PARTICIPANTS BORRUSO SAYS C&L WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER HALF. THIS CONFIRMED TO CONSULATE BY IMPARTIAL CHURCH OBSERVER.

4. AS WE HAVE REPORTED, C&L IS AT WHAT IT CONSIDERS TAKE-OFF POINT. IT CANNOT EXPAND BEYOND PRESENT LEVEL WITHOUT NEW FUNDING SOURCES. ALSO MUST TAKE ON LARGER IDENTIFICATION THAT THAT OF PRIMARILY LOMBAR D STUDENT ORGANIZATION. BORRUSO SAYS YOUTH FLOCKING TO C&L AND THEIR MAIN PREOCCUPATION IS STAYIN POWER OF WAVE OF NEW RECRUITS TO MOVEMENT . AS THAT MAY BE, C&L OBVIOUSLY FEELING VERY CONFIDENT FOLLOWING ITS RECENT SUCCESSES AND TAKING A QUANTUM LEAP INTO THE NATIONAL POLITICAL ARENA FINA

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